

(ii) Social mobilization activities are being intensified by involving the local influencers, community and religious leaders to improve community participation and acceptance of polio vaccine.

First Aid Post at the Central Secretariat

2645. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1859 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th August, 2006 and state:

(a) the manpower in posting at the Central Secretariat First Aid Post, New Delhi, and to what extent it is in a position to meet the requirements of CGHS beneficiaries all over Delhi;

(b) whether Government considers feasible to allow use of private recognized hospitals for this purpose on the recommendations of the CMO of the dispensary or Government Specialist doctor; and

(c) if not, the justification thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The manpower in position at the Central Secretariat First Aid Post, New Delhi are as under:—

1.	Pathologist	1
2.	Medical Officer	3
3.	Lab technician	2
4.	Pharmacists	2
5.	Radiographer	1
6.	Dark Room Asst.	1
7.	Dresser	1
8.	Female Attendant	1
9.	Nursing Attendant	3
10.	Lab Attendant	1
11.	Safaiwala	2

Since Annual Health Check up for CGHS beneficiaries, at Central Secretariat First Aid Post, New Delhi is undertaken with prior appointment the present position of staff is sufficient to meet the requirement.

(b) and (c) Provision to undergo various test/procedures from private recognised hospital/diagnostic centres, as recommended by the Government specialist/CMO in-charge, after obtaining permission from the competent authority already exists.

Polio cases in Delhi

2646. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi's Polio free record since January, 1995 has been blighted and that WHO has confirmed that four polio ridden cases have come to light;

(b) if so, how this has happened and whether its source of infliction has been identified and preventive steps has been taken to avoid recurrence of such a situation; and

(c) whether Government effectively would intensify the immunization drive in Delhi and neighbouring regions, especially the NCR, so that Government's aim of polio-free conditions could be created in a foreseeable future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) After July 2006, 5 cases of wild polio virus have been reported from Delhi. The genetic sequence has confirmed that source of infliction in one case is from Bihar and the source of remaining four cases is awaited.

To avoid recurrence of such a situation and achieve earlier interruption of polio transmission following actions are being taken:—

- High quality Supplementary Immunization Round were implemented in September and November, 2006. Two more immunization rounds are planned in the month of January and February, 2007.